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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claims 1-38 (**Cancelled**).

1 39. (**Currently Amended**) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can
2 be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

3 (a) a planar polymer matrix formed from a polymer matrix material;
4 (b) a reinforcing fiber layer, said reinforcing fibers being embedded in the matrix
5 material for reinforcing the matrix; and
6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
7 fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix material
8 surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the particulate
9 layer to the reinforcing fiber layer.

1 40. (**Previously presented**) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherin the
2 particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring
3 unit.

Claims 41-42 (**Cancelled**).

1 **43. (Currently Amended) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can**
2 **be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:**

- 3 (b) a planar polymer matrix formed from a polymer matrix material;
- 4 (c) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing
5 the matrix;
- 6 (d) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
7 fibers and is between about one-eighth and about three quarters of one inch thick.
8 wherein the matrix material surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for
9 mounting the particulate layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.

1 **44. (New) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 43, wherein the particulate layer is**
2 **selected from the group of sand, soil, gravel and a combination of sand, soil and gravel.**

1 **45. (New) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 40, wherein the particulate layer is**
2 **selected from the group of sand, soil, gravel and a combination of sand, soil and gravel.**